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TANS Update

As announced at MegaCon 2024, the Texas Department of Agriculture is happy to share we will all be transitioning from the Texas Unified Nutrition Program System (TXUNPS) to a new system in program year 2026 – the Texas Automated Nutrition System (TANS)! For the past decade, TXUNPS has served TDA's nutrition programs as a single integrated web-based application, but the time has come to upgrade. System users from the state, Education Service Centers (ESCs), and sponsoring organizations will soon begin using TANS to support the same nutrition programs through application process, claims, compliance, and more.

You may be asking, "Why do we need to change systems?" Well, the main challenges behind the change is that TXUNPS is a highly customized system managed by a vendor that runs on older technology so our ability to adjust or enhance the system is very limited and the changes that can be made are completed very slowly. These obstacles do not support operational efficiency or effective administration of the programs, so TDA decided to find an alternative to TXUNPS.

Development on TANS is already underway, so you can expect a training schedule and more very soon. Bookmark, subscribe, and **stay tuned** to make sure you're ready to dive into the exciting new system!

USDA Foods Ordering Updates

TEFAP:

CCC_TE and TEFAP (Bonus) Materials - recently offered during the month of August. Generate a WBSCM Requisition Status Report with extended delivery date parameters of 09-01-24 through 12-31-25 to view all anticipated deliveries to prepare for the large influx of perishable and non-

perishable items through the end of this program year, which did extend into PY 2025, for some food banks.

CSFP:

Multi-Food shipments Guidance per USDA – Food Banks must be ready to receive all shipments from Paris Brothers on the dedicated delivery date(s) associated with each order number(s). Orders can be generated from the WBSCM Multi-Food Requisition Report.

RELEASE: CSFP/TEFAP Equipment Inventory Form

Per federal regulation and the program agreements, Contracting Entities (CEs) must maintain an inventory of all program equipment and reconcile it via a physical inventory review at least once every two years. TDA has developed an Equipment Inventory resource tool for CSFP and TEFAP CEs that includes all of the federally required elements that must be tracked for each piece of equipment. During the CE's scheduled administrative review, this form or a similar version created by the CE will be reviewed. The form is located on both the [CSFP](#) and [TEFAP](#) Administration/Forms pages of SquareMeals.



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